

Remarks

In regard to the Examiner's claim that there are two patently distinct species, with one species corresponding to Fig. 3A and a second species corresponding to Fig. 3B, Applicant traverses. Figures 3A and 3B are both diagram examples of a headend. Applicant believes that no claims are clearly drawn to Fig. 3B over Fig. 3A. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicant requests that the Examiner list which claims are believed to be drawn to which Figures.

Therefore, Applicant elects Species I, corresponding to Fig. 3A, with claims 1-128.

Conclusion

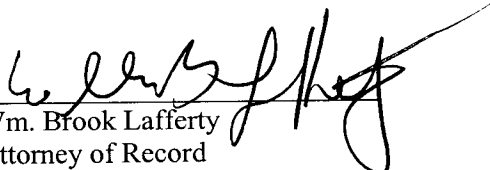
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. Applicant has elected Species 1, pertaining to claims 1-128. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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